GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF CHEEKU FRUIT
CHINTAMAN NAVSHA WANAGA

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cheeku fruit is being produced only in Thane district of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details of produce of this fruit during the last three financial years with quantity exported year-wise and foreign exchange earned;

(c) whether the crop of this fruit has completely been damaged this year;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to provide financial assistance to the growers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) Cheeku is being produced in many States in the country including various districts of Maharashtra State.
(b) The available information on production and exports of cheeku during three years is given below:

Year	Production (000 Tonnes)	Exports Value (Lakh Rs.)	Quantity (000 Tonnes)
1996-97	588.5	3.92	536.1
1997-98	643.9	2.65	292.1
1998-99	667.6	1.05	136.9

(c) & (d) No report has been received by the Government about the complete damage to cheeku crop during this year.

(e) The Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on MacroManagement in Agriculture − Supplementation/Complementation of States' Efforts throughWork Plans. Under this Scheme the State Governments can take up programmes for the development of all fruits including cheeku as per their priority needs through the Work Plan.